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During the past week the Soviet Consulate General in Shanghai received instructions from Moscow to prepare a list of persons to be sent to Manchuria for service on the Chinese Changchun railroad. It is planned to send Soviet citizens to Manchuria in three stages:

- (1) Two thousand Soviets, now residing in China, will be sent to Dairen for service on the railroad between Dairen and Changchun, probably not later than next June.
- (2) Another 2,000 persons will be sent to Harbin for service on the railroad between Changchun and Harbin, probably in the autumn of this year.
- (3) The last group will be sent to Manchuria for service on the Suifenho (Pogranichnaya) - Manchouli railroad. This group will probably be sent in the early spring of next year. Soviet consular officials stated that no less than 25,000 employees and functionaries are needed on this stretch of the railroad. Since that number of qualified persons could not be found in China, the majority of them will be sent from the USSR.

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